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ACTIVITIES OF DR ADOLF SLAVIK, AUSTRIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADER,
IN 1950-1953
(Excerpts)

Report of 20 October 1950:

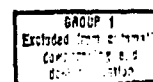
As a consequence of the August 1950 discussions held by Dr Adolf SLAVIK in line with GOLLOB, STRACHWITZ, and others, "Spinne" (Spider) members (KERNMAYER, KOVARIK, and SCHACHERMAYER and followers) have gone work for over to the National League. Furthermore, Dr Walter ZUZAN is regarded as Dr SLAVIK's leading agent in Salzburg. GRIMMS, Salzburger Tagblatt editor, is the CP Austria's liaison man to the National League.

Report of 26 November 1950:

On 11 November 1950, Dr SLAVIK met in ~~Stamm~~ Salzburg FRANK GRITSCH, ~~per~~ representative of the Eastern-oriented wing of the former "Bruderschaft" (Fraternity). FRANK GRITSCH had made a special trip from Hamburg to Salzburg to attend this meeting.

Report of 27 February 1951. RE: National League General Meeting and National Leadership Elections

The well attended meeting took place at Michaelerplatz, Vienna, 11 February 1951. Dr SLAVIK opened the meeting, but could not be a



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candidate, as his Nazi past precluded ~~himself~~ any political activity on his part until 1952. Although the National League seemed to have attracted many former Nazis, its orientation was pro-East and anti-West. Anton HAIDNER was unanimously elected National Chairman (names of other elected officers are also given).

Report of 12 March 1951. RE: Development of the National League

11 Feb 1951

This report also gives information on the General Meeting of the NL, but with ~~slight~~ some variations: Attended by about 70-80 persons, it reportedly took place in the Graz Restaurant, Schauflegasse, Vienna I. The re-elected National Chairman's name is given as Ferdinand HAIDNER (names of other elected officers also differ from above report). Dr SIAVIK was listed as chairman of the election committee and as NL business manager (a job given to him after the meeting). NL membership in Vienna was reported as 350.

Report of 17 March 1952

On 28 February 1952, Dr SIAVIK had asked an agent whether the latter could not make available a cover address in West Germany and bring the mail received there to Austria. These letters would contain material of such a confidential nature that SIAVIK would not even mail them within Austria, but would deliver them personally. The agent gave SIAVIK first the following ~~an~~ address in Bad Reichenhall, to which letters from Munich intended for SIAVIK were to be sent: Rudolf SPRINGER c/o WENZ, Innsbrucker-Strasse 14b, Bad Reichenhall.

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Report of 25 April 1952:

Under the unofficial leadership of Dr Adolf SIAVIK (unofficial because of his Nazi past), the propagandists of the National League were able to operate in Vienna and Lower Austria, shortly after the elections, i.e., in early 1950, without any interference by the Soviets and with the obvious blessings of the CPAustria, while making no secret of its endeavor to attract former Nazis, including frequently ~~and~~ former SS officers.

Report of 20 March 1953:

O Dr SIAVIK had come especially from Vienna to attend a National League meeting in Villach on 18 March 1953, where he gave his, and thus the NL's, views. He attacked the Austrian government's "sell-out" of the Austrian economy to the Western Powers under the ERP. The government, he said, should have followed a "real policy of neutrality" representing its economic interests both toward the West and the East."

Report of 2 May 1953:

This reports gives biographic information on six full-time, paid employees of the National League, including

Dr Adolf SIAVIK, lawyer, born 29 March 1918 in Vienna, Austrian citizen, living at Thalgasse 4/11, Vienna IV, not registered; salary 1,000.00 schilling~~per~~ per month.

Report of 22 December 1953:

Dr SIAVIK continues to travel intensively within Austria. On 18 and 30 November 1953, he was in Linz, and will again be there on 10 December 1953. (This report gives SIAVIK's date of birth as 24 March 1918.)

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From German language document
Re: Dr. SLAVIK *SP12-10A-120-1*

(Graz) Dr. Slavik Group 11 Oct 50
Makeup of the "Nationale Liga" in the Stiermark: Chairman Walter TRUGA, Deputy Chairman Dr. WITTINGER, and members include Iron Cross holder (Knight of the Iron Cross) STADLER, BACHER, GROSSNITZ, and ENGEL. HEGGER, according to report, heads the National Democratic Party, to which Hermann MICHELITSCH belonged, subsequently going over to the "Nationale Liga" now. The latter was once a well-known speaker of the assembly of the NS National Socialists.

SP12-10A-120-1 11 Oct 50
Re: Dr. Slavik about the early history and aims of his movement (HH 11 received the following information from a member of the SLAVIK circle in Graz.)

The "Nationale Liga" is to be an elite group and not any mass movement. However, the "NL" wishes to participate in the next parliamentary elections and Dr. Slavik hopes to be able to put a rather large number of delegates into the National Assembly. Slavik did not specify the significance of the expression "to revolutionize the entire political system." The relations of the "NL" with the Soviet occupation powers do not go through the CP, but rather are direct. Slavik said he has direct relations with the Soviet officers. The financing of the NL is done by the USIA. In regard to a question pertinent to this, Dr. Slavik said he must first formulate his Weltanschauung. During the conversation Dr Slavik coined the slogan: "International way of thought, but Austrian way of acting." Dr Adolf Slavik claimed to be in contact with the well known ^{in the former National Socialists} former general labor leader Viktor BARD. In similar sense Slavik named the former Reichs Youth Leader AXMANN.

RE: Personnel of Slavik group *SP12-10A-120-1* 3 Oct 50
(P/02107)

1. Egon KUEHN, former SS storm troop leader and Knight of the Iron Cross, was long time superior of Slavik in the ^{Vaffen-}SS. Slavik trying, without success, to recruit Kuehn for the NL.

4. Slavik has contacts with the prominent Upper Austrian communists Hans and

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Hermann BAUER in Urfahr (Linz). (See report on CP activists in Upper Austria 24 July 1950, P/01828-C). S. visits one of them regularly whenever he is in Urfahr.

✓ Re: Provisional report about the Linz "Europe Conference"

ALZ-21A 170-1
25 Sep 50
(P/02073)

p 3: "Finally, Dr. Adolf SLAVIK, the head of the "Nationale Liga," informed Dr TRAUGOTT by letter that he cannot sit at the same table with Erich KERNMAYR since Kernmayr is an infamous American agent."

17 Oct 50
(P/02175)

✓ Re: Dr. Slavik's visit with Dr. Hoettl

Last week, Dr. Adolf SLAVIK appeared unannounced and with a cover name before the house servant and insisted on talking with Dr. HOETTL. ^{report} ~~xxxxxx~~ of their talk.

see page 4

✓ Re: Internal Difficulties in the Nationale Liga

26 Feb 51
(P/0271+)

p 2: According to HH 7, a sharp controversy has developed between Dr. Adolf Slavik chairman and the ~~xxxx~~ of the association, Ferdinand HAIDNER, within the leadership of the Nationale Liga. The controversy is based partly on political and partly on personal reasons. 3. Slavik and his intimates want unconditional cooperation with the CP and the Soviets, while Haidner wants a pledge from the CP and the Soviets first that they will give up their ~~xxxx~~ criticism of the national socialists in the press. On the personal side (5), Slavik wants to pass over chairman Haidner's head and deal directly with the leading Soviet and CP circles independently. Also, in Haidner's estimate, Slavik is so blindly enamored ideologically and politically that he is more fanatic than a super-communist and Stalin worshipper.

Re: Slavik manages to get USIA positions for incriminated National Socialists

9 Oct 50, (P/02127)

3. Slavik said that he has obtained leading positions in USIA service or in the USIA organization for more than 30 "most prominent" former illegals and primarily

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SS chiefs, and thus provided for them economically. They are allegedly almost all department (section) heads or directors or consultants of such, and none have a monthly income of less than 3,000 to 4,000 Schillings net.

4. To give further emphasis to this assertion he produced a list with the names of these people, at which, however, HH 7 could get only a cursory glance. The latter could only recall the name of the illegal Vienna SS chief DOKUBIL.

✓ Re: Cooperation of Slavik and Traugott

26 Feb 51
(P/02715)

3. Dr. Slavik enlisted Dr Edgar TRAUGOTT's active cooperation on the matter of "positive solution" of Austrian relations with the East during Slavik's call upon the editors of the "Oberoesterreichischen Nachrichten". Slavik wants press, periodical, lecture, and discussion treatment of the problem of the relations.

(Dr Slavik desired to assemble a "scientific team," which would continue to treat the question of the relations between Austria and the East under various "scientific viewpoints" in the press, in periodicals, lectures, and discussions, and which naturally advocate a "positive solution" of the problem. The team as such was not supposed to be known to the outside; the individual members were supposed to appear completely independent and ^{operate} without any connection with each other. The Soviets allegedly promised financial support which they regarded as necessary in the plan to recruit the ~~intellectual~~ intellectual middle class."

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at 11:00 PM the same day, in a private apartment in 1 2 with Dr Strachwitz, for each, Gordon Gollob, and, ~~and~~ a representative of the "Schweinwerfer" or "Freiheit" group for Germany and Austria, as well as further unnamed persons. At this conference it was agreed that, all ideological differences which might develop aside, an agreement on principle on the young generation must be reached. Slavik said it is less important in which groups and under what flags and signs the young generation gathers, ~~that~~ and it is essential that they form a counterweight to the ever growing senescence of Europe about them. Slavik further announced that he will develop his contacts with East Germany (he was supposed to have completed a six-month course with the Volkspolizei, the 16th battalion in Ostervieck); and he strive to enlist even Engr HEGER, the chief of the National Democratic Party, for activity in the same course. Slavik also said that in the Soviet Zone of Austria the plant militia ~~became~~ a volkspolizei type organization ~~is to be formed~~. People of the young generation who have a pan German feeling must be brought into this unit. Slavik asked for the nomination of such men.

Dr Slavik on the Success of his Movement

25 Sep 50 (P/02072)

Dr Slavik stated in his confidential circle that he is quite pleased with the progress his Nationale Liga is making in ~~the~~ all of the zones occupied by western powers, ~~the~~ most recently that in the Tirol. Its "period of probation" by the Russians has been past for some time now, and the Russians have tripled its budget..... Slavik is not concerned about the greater independence of the Progressive Socialists, which will show up ~~the~~ in the near future, being able to have damaging consequences for the Nationale Liga: even if the left socialists should really appear as an individual party it will not be able to take any potential members away from the Nationale Liga. Dr Slavik characterized the great interest in the Nationale Liga's organ "Oesterreichischer Beobachter" as a sign of the progress of the Nationale Liga. The present circulation ~~is~~ of 50,000 is to jump to 100,000, especially through the more intensive treatment of the western regions.

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Slavik's Participation (with Kernmayr) in Organizing the Strike Unrest in Linz

3 Oct 50 (P/02108)

On 28 and 29 September 1950, Slavik was in the Urfahr /district/ of Linz where he was in contact with VOEST's strike committee. He avoided entering the American Zone, probably to avoid possible arrest.

Slavik and the Bloc Conference in Prague

23 Oct 50 (P/02194)

Slavik expects new directives for his work from the bloc conference in Prague, held in conjunction with a Cominform conference. A delegation of the Central Committee of the CP Austria, leaving the 20th of October, will bring him these instructions. Slavik indicated that these would concern the more precise drafting of a tactic which would be identical for Austria, ~~and~~ at least the Soviet Zone, and East Germany. Dr Slavik appeared especially impressed by the information he allegedly received that the security measures in regard to the bloc and Cominform conference were entrusted to the former Gestapo ~~investigator~~-detective superintendent SANITZER and his "reliable co-workers."

Dr Slavik even maintained that the staff for public and party security in Czechoslovakia is essentially under the control of Russian, but also German officials since the Czechs are not regarded sufficiently reliable.

Information from the Nationale Liga XII

19 Feb 51 (P/02674)

2. According to Dr WETTINGER, Deputy Chairman of the Nationale Liga, Slavik recently conferred with officials of the Central Committee of the CP Austria, where Slavik put up a fight against the attempt to push his men into acts of force ~~or~~ any kind of coup's de main. But then he declared the readiness of the Nationale Liga to support the "Spring Offensive" of the CP Austria.

4. Slavik and Ferdinand HAIDNER, Federal Chairman of the Nationale Liga, were at the KAPRUN main camp on 9 December 1950, and had a small audience.

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Dr Ludwig MOYCISCH's Attempt at Reconciliation With Slavik 20 Feb 51 (P/02688)
informant

2. As the ~~reporter~~ learned from a confidential agent from Graz well acquainted with Slavik, Ludwig Moycisch sounded the possibilities, through a ~~mt~~ go-between in Innsbruck, for a close contact with the Nationale Liga.

3. Dr Adolf Slavik consulted the confidential agent of the informant and asked his judgement of the character and personal qualities of Moycisch. The agent, who worked with Moycisch for German Intelligence in Turkey in World War II, ~~produced~~ ~~gave credible~~ negative information about Moycisch. It may be assumed that on the strength of it a closer cooperation with the Nationale Liga will not occur.